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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Director, International  
Relations Department  
The American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56 Street  
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Dear Marc,

Thanks very much for your note. I look forward to seeing you when speaking at the 80th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Committee on May 15th.

I welcome your suggestion that I should touch on the role American citizens and voluntary organizations, such as the AJC, can play in combatting terrorist violations against persons and property. Please let me see your proposal on mobilizing a national constituency for this purpose.

I will see that you get a copy of the text of my talk before May 15th.

With best regards.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bill Casey', written in a cursive style.

William J. Casey

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April 18, 1986

The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Bill,

It was a genuine pleasure to hear your voice again. Our chat brought back warm memories of our Vietnamese boat people mission in 1978.

I appreciate very much your ready acceptance of our invitation to address the plenary session of the 80th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Committee. That session will be held on Thursday, May 15, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the J. W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC.

The theme of that session is "The Rising Threat of Terrorism to Democratic Societies." We would be most grateful if you speak to the problem of international terrorism, and the policies and strategies of our government in seeking to combat this anti-human epidemic.

In particular, I think it would be most useful if you would include some statement about what role American citizens and voluntary organizations, such as the AJC, could and should play in helping support our government's efforts here and abroad to contain this campaign of violence against persons and property.

You may be interested to know, Bill, that we have held several conversations with Ambassador Bob Oakley and I have had an exchange of correspondence with Vice President Bush on a proposal I have made for the convening of a White House Conference on Combatting International Terrorism. Having been involved with the White House Conference on Children and Youth, and later the White House Conference on Aging, I know first-hand what a critical role such meetings can play in educating broad leadership elements of American society about the facts of a problem and what is required as a broad citizens effort to help meet such problems.



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April 15, 1986

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear President Reagan:

As American citizens we support the firm and determined stand you and your Administration are taking against international terrorism. We believe that the latest United States actions against terrorist-related targets in Libya were fully justified in view of the extensive and irrefutable evidence of Colonel Qaddafi's continuing involvement in fomenting, aiding and encouraging terrorist acts directed against Americans and other innocent civilians around the world.

In contrast to the indiscriminate use of violence by terrorists against non-combatants, the United States Government has exercised great patience and restraint, carefully weighing the evidence, and pinpointing its response, in a deliberate and measured way. It focused its attack upon identifiable military targets and terrorist centers in Libya.

While these active measures of self-defense by the United States may not bring about a change in the basic character of Colonel Qaddafi and leaders of other states which actively support terrorism, it should have the salutary effect of making their own people aware of the tangible consequences that such irresponsible policies can bring. To be fully effective, however, the war against terrorism must be a truly international effort and not limited to cooperation among a few countries such as the United States, Great Britain and Israel.

On behalf of the American Jewish Committee, we pledge our continued support to your efforts to make the American public more fully aware of the measures needed to combat terrorism and to enlist the active cooperation of all nations which profess to be members of the civilized world in the struggle against this scourge of lawless violence.

Respectfully yours,

Howard I. Friedman  
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*MORTON YARMON, Director of Public Relations*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

NEW YORK, April 16...Messages of support of the Administration's action against "terrorist—related targets" in Libya were sent today by the American Jewish Committee to President Reagan and to Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

Letters signed by Howard I. Friedman, President, and David M. Gordis, Executive Vice President, asserted that the Libyan action was "fully justified in view of the extensive and irrefutable evidence of Colonel Qaddafi's continuing involvement in fomenting, aiding and encouraging terrorist acts directed against Americans and other innocent civilians around the world."

The two AJC executives further pledged "our continued support to your efforts to make the American public more fully aware of the measures needed to combat terrorism and to enlist the active cooperation of all nations which profess to be members of the civilized world in the struggle against this scourge of lawless violence."

The full text of the letters follow:

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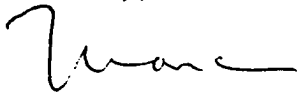
My sense is that we are at the point -- especially after Libya -- in mobilizing a national constituency in support of the Administration's policies and programs on this issue. I will have my proposal drafted next week and I will be glad to send you a copy of it.

Finally, I understand there are some restrictions as to how the press should be handled in connection with your appearance at our annual meeting. We will abide by the terms your office establishes for us. It would be helpful, however, for us to have the text of your speech since we anticipate there will be widespread press interest in your address.

It will be a very great pleasure to be with you again when we meet on May 15th.

With warm personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially, as ever,



Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Director  
International Relations Department

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Enclosure